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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 14 February 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 25, 26-33, 34-52, and 53- 60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4, 6, 25, 26-33, 34-52, and 53- 60 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 February 2005 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 2/14/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive because of the improper claiming of a phase lock loop.

Specification

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. Pg. 11, line 28, applicant uses PPL. Examiner assumes PLL.

Appropriate correction is required.

3. The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claim Objections

4. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - a. Claim 6, line 1, applicant has inserted an improper dependency for claim 6. Examiner assumes claim 6 depends on either claim 2 or claim 5. Examiner suggests applicant specify either claim 2 or claim 5 for the dependency of claim 6 for clarification purposes.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

5. Claims 1-4, 6, 25, 26-33, 34-52, and 53- 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter, which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

a. Claims 1-4, 6, 25, and 34-52 recite limitations such as “said demultiplexer comprising a phase locked loop for generating the first clock frequency using the second clock frequency”, “means for determining the first clock frequency using said second clock frequency, said determining means including at least a digital phase locked loop”, and “generating the first clock frequency using a digital phase locked loop and said second clock frequency”. However, after reviewing the specification, it is the understanding of the examiner that the “phase locked loop” used to generate the first clock frequency in the claims is actually not a “phase locked **loop**”. In particular, Fig. 6 shows the implementation the device used to create the first clock frequency. The second clock frequency (C1) is input into a feedback loop (block 601). However, the second clock frequency is generated at the output of an NCO (block 603), which is not apart of the feedback loop (block 601). There is no “looping” operation performed from the output of the NCO to the input of the feedback loop. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time the invention was made that the first clock frequency is not generated using a phase locked **loop**, rather the first clock frequency is generated using a feedback loop, half period calculator, and NCO, wherein the half-

period calculator and NCO are separate from the feedback loop (the half period calculator and the NCO are not apart of the feedback loop).

b. Claims 26-33 and 53- 60 recite limitations such as "said demultiplexer comprising at least a second order feedback loop for generating the first clock frequency", "said demultiplexer comprising at least a second order feedback loop having a half period calculator circuit for generating the first clock frequency", "generating the first clock frequency using at least a half period calculator circuit and said second clock frequency", and generating the first clock frequency using at least a second order feedback loop and said second clock frequency". However, after reviewing the specification (particularly Fig. 6), it is the understanding of the examiner that the first clock frequency (F1) is generated at the output of the NCO (block 603) after processing by the second order feedback loop and the half period calculator, not just by simply implementing the second order feedback loop of the half period calculator.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cicely Ware whose telephone number is 571-272-3047. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday – Friday, 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen Chin can be reached on 571-272-3056. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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